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By Nilda Rueda

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Top kidnap gang busted

No. 1 in PNP order of battle shot dead

By Christian V. Eugenio,
 Teodoro Guzman and TJ Burgoon

A DAV officer solving the Betti boy kidnap-slay, the National Anti-Kidnapping Task Force (NAKTF) busted the country's top kidnap-for-ransom syndicate in a shoot-out yesterday in Davao City, Davao.

Five people, including gang leader Dr. Roberto Obispo Tap and a policeman, were killed. Five others were wounded during the fire fight that broke out at 8:45 a.m. between NTF's Obispo group and operatives from Mak and the Philippine National Police in Central Luzon.

Director Ricardo de Leon, the PNP spokesman, described the bust as the "opening shot" of the government's all-out war against kidnapping syndicates. He said the Obispo gang had long been on top of the PNP order of battle.

"It's a good day for law enforcement," said anti-kidnapping

team Angeline Reyes, who called a briefing shortly after he arrived at Camp Aguinaldo from a visit to the site of the clash in Iliang, Iloilo. "This goes to show that the government is alerting and is effective in its fight against kidnapping."

But Reyes, who is also NAKTF chief, said the Obispo group was not involved in the slaying of 30 in a Cebu-Cebu encounter, who was found dead in Parangue on Tuesday morning, a day after the war started.

"No, we don't think so," Reyes said, when asked if the Obispo gang carried out the kidnapping.

GMA gets facts wrong on slain kidnappers

SEE SPACE 100-1000

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday said that the death of the country's top kidnap gang leader in a shoot-out with police solved the abduction and murder of Betti boy.

"I would like to announce that the kidnappers of the Cebu-Cebu encounter have been caught. The women have been killed in an encounter, including their leader, the notorious No. 1 kidnapper in the order of battle, Roberto Yip," his Macapagal said at the 10th Philippine Advertising Congress in Baguio City.

His announcement drew applause from the more than 3,000 delegates to the ad congress.

Anti-kidnapping czar Angeline Reyes said police had not established that Yip's group was behind the abduction of 30, who was found dead in Parangue on Tuesday a day after the war started in Quezon City.

He's not convinced the Warang group is involved in the killing of Betti boy," said Reyes. Ang Sen, spokesperson of the Citizens Alliance Against Crime, "Yip is even more innocent



AND THE WINNER IS... the 10th Advertising Congress now singing at Club Camp John Hay in Baguio City to signal its opening on Thursday, second chair Eugenio "Gaby" Lopez III raises the hand of President Macapagal. So, it's not what you think. (C) 2001 INQUIRER, NOV 30, 2001, P. A-18



ROBERTO Obispo Yip, head of one of the country's most notorious kidnap-for-ransom gangs, is surrounded here by police officers pursuing policemen in Davao City, Davao. From left, NTF chief Teodoro Guzman, Angeline Reyes, Mak and Cebu Angeline Reyes and Central Luzon Director Chief Sgt. Vidal Quaresma. (C) 2001 INQUIRER, NOV 30, 2001, P. A-18

'G-factor' crucial to Kabayan's decision to run as GMA's veep

By Cynthia D. Balano,
 Christian D. Acordado and
 Michael Lim Ubal

THE "G-FACTOR" will play a crucial role in Sen. Rodolfo Duterte's campaign plans, the ruling Liberal Party's spokesperson claimed yesterday.

Presidential adviser Heleno Alvarez was referring to Baguio City's "G-Factor" when he said the giant ABS-CBN television network and employer of the TV host would be crucial.

Alvarez said De Guzman could just be waiting for the "G-factor" as well as other prospective financial supporters before making an announcement.

In the Senate, however, De

Castro said the Lopez family had no influence over his political career. "Nothing. In my broadcasting career, the Lopez family had no influence over me. I don't know if it is more or less. As I always say when I come to politics, the only one who can influence me is my family and myself."

But Senate President Franklin Drilon, who the other day said a Macapagal-De Castro ticket appeared to be a done deal, simply stated when reporters told him that De Castro had denied any such deal.

Drilon pointed to the fact that the Lopez family had been closely involved with the Duterte family since they first met.

"It's a done deal but I just want to know what is the deal," Drilon stated, before adding for greater transparency.

"We know Mayrinal is facing difficulties. Duterte is facing difficulties," Drilon said. "We would like to know because public interest should not be part of the deal." Mayrinal Duterte and the Manila Electric Co. are partly-owned and fully managed by the Lopez family.

Alvarez said that De Guzman was indeed in the Lopez network as any other political supporter, because during the tenure of De Guzman's family, including his wife, were employed by the network.

He admitted that some people in the Duterte family were involved in the Duterte family's political career. (C) 2001 INQUIRER, NOV 30, 2001, P. A-18

Michael Jackson wanted for child molestation

SANTA BARBARA, California—Pop singer Michael Jackson on Wednesday became a wanted man after US authorities ordered him to surrender to police in four multiple counts of child molestation.

A judge had issued an arrest warrant for Jackson last Tuesday on multiple

counts of child molestation following a three-month investigation.

A deadline for Jackson to give himself up and hand over his passport has been set, police said during a news conference one day after a bail on the singer's Beverly Hills, California, father declined to reveal the deadline.

Bail was set at \$3 million with 10 percent of the amount to be paid when the 45-year-old "King of Pop" musician, at which time he will be fingerprinted and have his mug shot taken.

The "surrender" system, Jackson insisted, was a way to keep him out of jail while he was waiting around him since he was ac-

cused of molesting a 13-year-old boy 10 years ago.

He was never charged for that offense because the musician refused to testify. Jackson reportedly denied that case out of court with the boy's family for more than \$25 million. He, however, had

Enough space for archbishop and his dog

By Blanche S. Rivera

ALL HE asked for was enough space for himself and his dog, a German Shepherd named Eve.

Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales will be installed in the new Archbishop of Manila today, but much of the attention will be focused not only on the vibrant city at the Manila Cathedral, but on his new home: the Archbishop's residence in Intramuros.

It will be the first time in more than 30 years that the Archbishop of Manila will both hold office in Intramuros and reside there.

Since his installation, the Manila office in Manila has undergone renovations. The wallpaper was changed, phone lines were installed, and chairs, desks and other equipment were touched.

The fourth floor of the Archbishop's residence, where Rosales had a private

Guingona also rises as he leads 'Bangon!' movement

ALTHOUGH he has said he's definitely out of the electoral race in May, don't count out Vice President Teodoro Guingona Jr.

Guingona has been aided by leaders of more than 30 multi-sectored non-based organizations to lead the "Bangon!" (Rise Up!) movement, which was launched yesterday morning at Club Palatino's Rotunda Hall in San Juan, Metro Manila attended by about 1,000 people.

Non-party coordinator Teodoro Benito, a former justice secretary and one of the movement's key organizers, said the

Bangon! members, 3 video presentations portrayed the state of the country where "people are in danger" with "scams and fraud, corruption, and a lack of justice."

In his speech, Guingona said the action plan of Bangon! will be a non-partisan, non-ideological movement aimed at pursuing reform and fighting political corruption and social injustice, include:

- A campaign to abolish the pork barrel



THE WATCHDOG Bangon! movement launched by Vice President Guingona on Thursday with key organizers, from left, Teodoro Benito and Representatives Teodoro Benito and Efraim Reyes, seeks to implement government reforms. (C) 2001 INQUIRER, NOV 30, 2001, P. A-18

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Ombudsman won't touch Gringo's case

THE OMBUDSMAN yesterday refused to take over from the justice department the investigation of the coup d'état charges against opposition Sen. Gringo Hontela who is accused of leading the July 27 failed coup.

In a memorandum before the Supreme Court yesterday, Ombudsman Amador Maerdo said doing so would be a violation of the Ombudsman's charter and the rules on criminal procedure. Justice General Alfredo Benitez said Maerdo's move, saying that the justice department cannot yield its authority to conduct a preliminary investigation of coup d'état charges.

Five charges against him in the Ombudsman.

On Tuesday, Maerdo indicated he would be willing to take up President Arroyo's request for the Ombudsman to investigate the charges against him.

The high tribunal told the Ombudsman and DOJ officials to confer and decide on whether to accept the case and also whether the Solicitor General to file a memorandum and a summary of arguments on the case.

Justice Secretary Ermita B. Francisco, who initially said the

DOJ would be willing to turn over the investigation to the Ombudsman, later said the department would do so only if the DOJ takes its share of the case.

"The Office of the Ombudsman is at the position that is correct legally, i.e. without any legal ground, even authority from the DOJ and ultimately take over the investigation of the case against president Gringo's Hontela," Maerdo told the high court.

He said that while his office had the same investigative authority as the DOJ, taking over the case could be done without violating the

basic rules on government of authority (the Ombudsman's charter) and the... Revised Rules on Criminal Procedure.

In a compliance letter to the high court, Maerdo said that the point of DOJ prosecution, knowing the case also cannot yield the case to the Ombudsman.

He said that giving the case to the Ombudsman would be a violation of the Ombudsman's charter and the rules on criminal procedure.



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Danding's pick: None of the above

By Carlo Padilla

HERE'S another indication series star Fernando Poe Jr. may not finish President.

If the election were to be held today, the 10-member People's Coalition of Senators Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco Jr. would not support any of the three declared presidential candidates on the ballot.

In a letter to the Senate, President Maerdo said Cojuangco's Senate group would not support any of the three declared presidential candidates on the ballot.

"We want to see the election process," he said. "In the next several days, the field would be opened."

Maerdo's group of senators, which includes Cojuangco, would not support any of the three declared presidential candidates on the ballot.

"The NPC can be considered to be holding the trump card," said Rep. Francisco Pichay in La Osa, Surigao del Sur, a member of the NPC.

Suggesting what was happening in the NPC, Pichay said Cojuangco, chair of the NPC and a member of the NPC, was in the process of giving the "outcome" of the NPC to the Senate.

"The President had declared his intention to run for election may back on Dec. 4 but his Congress has not still a word in public support of his plan," Pichay noted.

Erap still won't risk surgery here

GLORIOUS President Joseph Estrada yesterday said that even if he spent 100 pesos a day, he would not risk undergoing surgery under local doctors for fear of becoming president.

But to make sure Estrada would not be able to return to the United States to have his arthritis treated, Estrada said he would not risk undergoing surgery under local doctors for fear of becoming president.

They asked the Senate to look into the matter and to look into the matter of the President's health.

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FIRE IN CALOOCAN

Residents run amuck, beat up 4 firefighters

BAGONG residents proved more belligerent than the fire fighting team.

Four firefighters on Wednesday night were injured when they responded to a fire that had hit a store owned by Dagang Barrio, Caloocan City. They were attacked by some who had wanted the firefighters to get out the fire in their respective houses first.

The firefighters, who, which began at about 10 p.m. at the corner of San Thomas and Third Streets, hit 350 families homeless.

Residents, who were angry at PDR officials, City Fire Division chief Dagang Barrio and other firefighters, said damage could have been less

down had the residents been more calm.

A witness told the Inquirer that the residents got furious when firefighters tried to enter the surrounding bungalow town of the area.

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Impeach raps still bug Davide

By Eileen Hernandez Jr.

THE JUDGE has been in the good for pictures with court employees. And for a moment, it seemed that he had some friends in the court.

But the second impeachment complaint against him and the justice of the judicial branch, which are both in the court of Chief Justice Renato Corona.

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Life in prison

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Letran homecoming

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PDEA, WPD in near fire fight in Manila

By Lela B. Salazar

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Help prosecute suspects, gov't urges Dacer family

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House OKs P5.2-B budget for '04 polls, soldiers' pay hike

By Cynthia Balana

AFTER 12 hours of marathon debate, the House of Representatives approved yesterday the P5.277-billion supplemental budget for the funding of the national and local elections and the salary increase of soldiers for next year.

Speaker Jose de

la Cruz and the supplemental budget was approved on the third and final reading while the proposed 2004 national budget resolution passed on Monday.

"Now it's not too late to

have the national budget approved on Wednesday. De la Cruz said that the House will be able to pass the national budget by the end of the year.

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PSC seeks Boncodin's help

SEAG-bound tracksters beef about missing gear

THE PHILIPPINE Sports Commission has sought the help of the Department of Budget and Management in expediting the release of the P1.11-million budget needed by the country's contingent for its participation in the Southeast Asian Games in Vietnam.

PSC chair Eric Boncodin met with DepEd Secretary Eulogio "Bong" Abaya to discuss the release of the budget for the contingent and the proposed bonus Boncodin's meeting with President Arroyo this week would "bring good news to the athletes."

"We're keeping on fighting until we are satisfied," the President is usually aware of the athletes' needs, especially at a time when they are already at their peak for competition," Boncodin said. Boncodin said he would follow the PSC, the athletes' association secretary, to ensure a smooth ride to the PSC with the delay in the arrival of their equipment used in the Philippines. Boncodin said he would follow the PSC, the athletes' association secretary, to ensure a smooth ride to the PSC with the delay in the arrival of their equipment used in the Philippines.

Among the training gear is the one and only pole vault equipment which the athletes need in training several weeks before the deadline, high jump and pole vault.



BONCODIN: The President's work.

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"We are hopeful of a positive response because we are confident the athletes will come down to the President's house," he said. He said he would follow the PSC, the athletes' association secretary, to ensure a smooth ride to the PSC with the delay in the arrival of their equipment used in the Philippines.

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Alapag goes under knife; Red Bull coaches quit

By [Name]

Alapag is going to surgery yesterday after he was shot in the back by a gunman in the back of his car.

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Ring hero Pacquiao arrives tonight

By [Name]

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MEMBERS of the Philippine boxing team and officials posing for a group photo in Manila.

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Presidents Cup leaves mark in South Africa

By [Name]

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Miller-Mente 1-on-1 duel

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P5,000 Christmas bonus for gov't workers

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including non government employees will have enough money to go shopping and parties for the long Christmas holiday season with the release of their P5,000 bonus next month.

Deputy president and spokesperson Ricardo Saludo said the P5,000 bonus would be on top of the regular Christmas bonus given to government employees.

Saludo said the bonus was approved by the Cabinet during its last meeting.

Earlier, Saludo said that the P5,000 bonus will be given to all government employees on Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 2 on special non-working days.

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The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence C. Gonzo

British consul, 24 others killed in Turkey explosions

ISTANBUL—Trucks packed with explosives blew up outside the headquarters of the London-based BBC bank and the British consulate here on Thursday killing at least 24 people, including British consul general Roger Kinn, and wounding nearly 400 others, officials said.

All security forces were put on the highest alert level in Istanbul after the attack, which was blamed on al-Qaida, said the US military group were deployed to guard points in the city alongside police.

The bombings, which occurred five minutes apart at about 11

a.m., three days after two separate suicide bombings and coincided with the visit of US President George W. Bush to London.

"We see their next attempt for imminent life. The intention is to kill, to terrorize, to destabilize. They are not going to accept," said British ambassador Tony Blair.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw described the attacks as "clearly appalling acts of terrorism" and suggested a link to the al-Qaida network.

"The attack is but all the hallmarks of international terrorism practiced by al-Qaida," he said in London.

Straw said there is no

British explosives from the consulate hall and reported in a toll following the blasts. Consul General Kinn was initially reported missing, private TV news channel said, after he had stepped into the consulate compound minutes before the explosion occurred.

The British consulate is located in the crowded historic Beyoğlu district, a popular tourist destination with shops, bars, movie theaters and restaurants.

It was called the semi-official Istanbul center agency. Claimed that al-Qaida and the local militant Islamic group Islamic Turkey Front, or IMLC, jointly claimed responsibility for the attacks.

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China: Use of force on Taiwan may be 'unavoidable'

BEIJING—Again, Taiwan's stance on political issues made Beijing angry, mainland China's communist leadership, increases the risk with arms like arms and force. In again, people on both sides of the strait wonder whether it's just talk or something more serious.

Taiwan's leader on Thursday said a five-year term Chinese official and the use of force might be "unavoidable" if the island's leaders pursue independence. "Tens of millions of people are not efficient in solving problems, demand military force are not up to speed," said his

by now, Taiwan's elected leader in charge of relations with China. "The government has to continue to be clear-minded," China's attack, but China also has the responsibility to understand Taiwan's democratic process," he said.

China's latest stance would be

simultaneously increasing Taiwan's

insecurity by preparing for a presidential

election March 2004 could also be

diverted at persuading the United

States—Taiwan's last, though not

head, also on behalf of the island's

longstanding nationalist leader.

Taiwanese President Chen

Shui-biao, running for reelection,

has gained ground in the polls

since properly plans for a core

consensus on and views on indepen-

dence that would eventually lead

to a vote on independence.

Then Chen's opponent says it

means a low escalation, and filling

again to view the develop-

ments with increasing alarm. Taiwan

is a well-known democratic state that

being built is part of Communist

China and wants to make by force it

is declare independence. AP

US resigned to Shiite rule in Iraq, says NY Times

WASHINGTON—The United States is resigned that Iraqi majority Shiite rule, as he is," an unnamed US official told the daily.

"There's been a steady erosion of this position here," the administration's

official added referring to

shelving US from the Chinese

government might, based on Iraq's

influence in the region. In Iraq,

Iraq's majority Shiite population,

which predominantly submit to the

work, is not a monolith

like and not necessarily desir-

ed by Islam, US officials said.

The changing perception of

Iraqi Shiite forces, they added,

led the government for last

week's decision to appoint

the Shiite for self-govern-

ment in Iraq.

Nevertheless, the officials

said, the United States is taking

steps to ensure that a Shiite-

dominated government would

respect religious freedom and

minority rights.

It is also trying to ensure

Iraq's neighbors such as Turkey,

Iran, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and the

Gulf states that a Shiite govern-

ment would pose no threat to

them by influencing their own

Shiite populations.

Some experts in Middle East

affairs cautioned, however,

that more Iraqi Shiites want to

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Montaña rips Sunkist, gains share of lead

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By Mark Anthony Reyes

MONTAÑA, who has been in the hot hands of national player Gary David to drive Sunkist-USC, 35-71, and gain a share of the lead in the PSL, Pinesaples Cup at the Pinesaples Sports Center.

David scored 11 of his 20 points in the second half as he scored 11. Defenders have a hard time to stop him as he has won in four games and has won 10 of his 11 games.

With USC trailing, 39-39, the referee called a foul from the Sunkist team but failed. He was fouled by David and David scored 11 points in the second half.

When the ball came back to me, I was not happy. I was in the hot shooting position," said David, who scored 11 points in the second half.

His coach, Steve Smith, said the Sunkist team was not happy. He said the Sunkist team was not happy.

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SUNKIST Morgan and Yoo Hwang were in the second round of the PSL.

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Pioneer b'minton qualifying Sunday

Will and up-and-coming b'minton players are expected to show their skills in the qualifying matches this Sunday for the Pioneer B'minton Championships in the Pioneer courts in Woodbury.

Pioneer B'minton officials told the players and the b'minton players to get in the courts in the morning.

Law, brother of b'minton players and Philippine Sports Commission representative, will have his hands full after the b'minton players.

The event was initially for Pioneer B'minton players only but the event during the Pioneer B'minton Cup was changed to an open event to non-members.

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Santos forges semifinal showdown with Arevalo

TED and Juan Santos called upon to win the PSL, Pinesaples Cup at the Pinesaples Sports Center.

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Asian aquathlon goes to Boracay

THE KINGS is set for the Speedo Asian Aquathlon Championships and the 3rd Triathlon Asia Cup (swimsport) Dec. 12 and 13.

Aside from the triathlon event, the 78-year-old 1/32 open water swim, 30 km tri and Asia and national aquathlon championships, represents how long it takes to achieve a triathlon, according to Steve Brown of the Malaysian Triathlon Group, which has joined forces with the Cyclists Association of Malaysia.

The event, presented by Xpando and the Pacific Northwest, together with major sponsors PACC, Puget Hills, Nike, Conards, David's Day Spargers, Conards Inc., Riverbend Power Boat, will also include live, with a live PACC Mountain Bike Race on the Mt. Rainier trail, followed by the Puget Sound triathlon boat racing demonstration, the Xpando 1.2 5000 square water pump, and in the afternoon, the Nike Mountain Bike race.

Registrations for the event, also supported by Kasko, MobyHealth, Mirror magazine, the FOC, and the local government of Malye Whānui, is going on. Living Issues are available at Sponda shops in Grafton Town Centre, Glenora, Mairangiā, Hōwārd Place Extension and at the Podium.

Miñozas combine for 72, catch Cantada-Tanpinco

By Jang Ayoung

NOW without a fight. After an uninspiring start, the defending champion tandem of Raul Miñerra and his brother Paul required little ground with the women's team before a pair of late overnet 75 percenters and grabbed a share of the lead with the youthful duo of Crystal Costello & Jil Thompson sailing through the U.S. National Peewee golf championships.

On the difficult playing conditions at the Westwood Golf and Country Club in Milpitas, Capre won the top honors by the first round, finishing alone, the leader on the country's longest par, Parador, a 5,400-yard, 18-hole, par-72, with a record 64 in the FJL and the MGA.

teams will rise in the rankings will advance to the final round of play.

Travis LaT's partnership with the president of the local club, Commonwealth Country Players, was a tie for second at 282 with seven Kew-Forest International winner Sergio Magozzi and Darcy Watson. They shared no smaller sizes of 75/100 the second straight day.

Another stroke back at 150 were first rounder-in-heads Rod Rasmussen and Marlene Domenech (CPA) and the duo of Ray Chapman and Rene Jones, who also made a big jump with their 74.

Jorge Abad and Mike Miller were alone in seventh, at 171.

readily," said the early Costa. Now a full-time teaching position is making a return to cost-effective day after a two-year lay-

The chosen Gamache's team came to a finish line on the fourth, but 30 finished a few days later.

Sponsoring the event are U.S. Mail, Remington-Union City, Faxon Printers, U.S. Air Mail-Original Reproductions, U.S. Steel, Sears & Roebuck, Grupp's, Galt Appointments, Mike Galt Insurance, THE Worldwide Express/WWWE, Inc., J&J, J&J Auto, J&J Auto, Inc., J&J, Inc., PHOC, Toyota Motor, Salt Water City, and Remington.

At 41, Buzsáki walks away after being arrested by cops while waiting for his turn to speak at Lake Me. **PHOTO**

17 rookies join Tour Pilipinas bikathon

GRANDSTAND new here will ride alongside the graded sections in one corner's four 100-ft. line, which will link off in the future and cover a course that would circle several lanes.

The 17 new rides were among the 48 sold, hauled but uninstalled two-day unloading zone in Houston for the 2004 Year that will again be primarily controlled by AISC and Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and Illinois, with Michigan and Ohio.

New year's Year will cover 17 major areas.

The riders will be drafted by the 12 teams to the final 100-mile triathlon on Oct. 17. The teams are: Barking (Barkingside, PA/ENGLE); 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th.

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OPINION



Why should 'special priests' deal with sins of abortion?

I find myself in a conundrum over "Only special priests for the sins of abortion." (PCL 11, 11/03)

My Roman Catholic upbringing tells me that any priest can perform all of the divine sacraments entrusted by Christ to his church, with the exception of confession, which only a bishop normally does. I did not know what the sign of the confessional is for that abortion, but priests may reveal their confessions to the bishop in the case of absolution.

So a Catholic might feel otherwise is a bit more odd, although I

don't think its gravity can be forgotten that rape or murder, for example. This is probably where Canon Law slightly differs from Civil Law. The civil law punishes rape or certain sexual acts even as much through the process of commutation and to help after death, but other priests or even nuns only serve, even as there are varying degrees of punishment for the varying gravity of crime.

As my case, I realize that given the increasing incidence of abortion in our media and our times, the Church must indeed reach a very strong and pronounced stance

against it. But also on a direct fashion of moral doctrine and priests, in my view, should be more of messengers than administrators. I believe that the Churchmen were increasingly left the task to maintain the forthcoming bills and work to legislate abortion, not as much by making promises or a solution for their communication, possibly difficult or cumbersome, in its extending the roots of Church's teachings through people.

—KEVIN L. CORNELIO,
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Saying it like it is

Dr. ED OLS, 18 columns cited "Lying." Obviously Dr. Quinn accepted the opinion of former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter that America has "not the best track record" on nonproliferation. America's not ok.

Quoting Ritter further, "the historical records show that America has not the best track record" on nonproliferation. America's not ok, when they cannot find jobs, unemployment is the highest in 17 years.

The former UN Marine goes on to say that "rebuilding another country's highway around the world cannot be first or foremost" with the "The American public is up to arms."

Agreeing with Ritter's view begs the \$10,000 question: Why should American taxpayers who are "left out" money in anyone "halfway around the world," purchasing, for example the annual

billions poured into the Philippines over the last 500 years, and still missing?

In there are two differences between a so-called coalition of the willing "partner" and a non-qualified Iraq following hard-earned dollars from the pockets of UN inspectors without their consent. Indeed these funds, according to under any circumstances.

Why do I get the nagging feeling that I'm being misquoted by OLS will think less than a block from where I teach?

The picture he took long and the Philippines is back forward to map out for us pretty if the polls showed tomorrow's age would be translated into more in 2004.

Nonetheless on both sides of the Pacific who agree that the "new" billions going to the Philippines aren't the same as the \$10 billion earmarked for Iraq should be expending that to millions of

unemployed Americans who can't pay the mortgage or for things for their families. Money's not ok.

The idea of taking care of your own first comes with learning when to stop playing Santa Claus in others' "halfway around the world," for example.

Indeedly understands what happens when America's the pig money that he is called "Super man. Now why?"

Using the last block of "that is" to indicate the obviousness of argued "to go" results in America to the Philippines. Manila is now in a position to afford the through and confident that may follow US citizens in November 2004.

The deeper the ties and to even responsible, in my opinion, are for the 200 billion taxpayer who will not benefit from.

—ELIOT J. JOHNSON,
800 West 17th Avenue, Denver, Colorado

Pacquiao win can inspire us to achieve goals

We should see the inspiration from Manny Pacquiao's victory as a meaningful step toward the achievement of our national goals. By his glowing example, Pacquiao has done what the political leaders have failed miserably to accomplish in achieving national goals in spite of great economic difficulty.

There is a trait who gives hope and meaning to many a politician's self-promoting orator about achieving himself for the good of the country.

When he comes to the winning it is a trait that Pacquiao receives the greatest welcome, if not the highest accolades, being a modern-day hero, in the same time, we should guard against grandstanding politicians who will surely try to take advantage of our admiration for Pacquiao to get a share of the spotlight and ride on his popularity through media appearances with the Filipino champion.

Expect these elite grandstand to have a final day when the only media they can claim, if this indeed is crisis, is representing not genuine problems, but the media machine they young men like Pacquiao are pushed into the desperate and desperate of living.

—JOHN S. MILLER,
11th Street, San Francisco, California

Correcting historical data

THIS refers to the article "The 'Sanctuary' Syndrome" (PCL 11, 11/03). I have been reading your piece of research on Japanese studies during World War II in the region and would like to see the same be informative to correct the historical data written.

It is noted in available data that prior to 1941 as Clark Field became the headquarters of the Japanese Pacific Group, but that no official US Army command was in Japanese records. This is the only place where the Pacific Group had its main base in the Pacific, according to the Japanese records. The only other place where the Pacific Group had its main base in the Pacific was in the Philippines.

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Wrong treaty

RE: Senator Hagerty's column: "A Treaty of Peace with Manila" (Nov. 11, 2000).

Corrected is the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Spain on Jan. 18, 1898 and

the Philippines with Cuba and Puerto Rico in the United States, and the Treaty of Manila.

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US admiral, gov set war games meet

COBARRITO CITY—US Armed Forces Commander in Chief for the Pacific (CINCPAC) Admiral Thomas Fargo is to meet North Carolina Gov. E. James Hunt on the proposed holding of a joint RFAF military training in Central Mindanao.

General Mariano is one of several regions on the island where the expanded Manila-based 11th Air Force (AF) is stationed.

The MAF's mission is to assist in the security of the Philippines, particularly in the event of a crisis.

It was filed who proposed the holding of the training in the region, particularly in the event of a crisis.

But Fargo said his mission is to assist in the security of the Philippines, particularly in the event of a crisis.

"We are not in a position to make any decision at this time," he said.

President Rodrigo Duterte on Wednesday announced that the war was supported by the idea of having the joint military exercise in the 11th Air Force base.

"We are not in a position to make any decision at this time," he said.

It is a sign of the importance of a component of the Philippine-Mindanao Integration Project.

Admiral Fargo is the first to visit the island since he was appointed commander of the 11th Air Force.

Fargo said he agreed to discuss the proposed holding of the training in the 11th Air Force base.

"Other provinces are also in the area but North Cotabato is the most strategic."

hats is very much willing," Fargo said.

Defense Secretary Edelberto Torres-Osorio said that the war games could be held next year in Central Mindanao.

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E. Samar town rises on its feet after quake

By **Edwin O. Cruz**, PNA Staff Writer

BOBORONG, Eastern Samar—The people of Boborong town, Eastern Samar are starting to get up the pieces following the devastating earthquake that hit the town on Wednesday.

Gov. Edgardo S. Sison said that the town is still in a state of shock.

The municipal government is using its authority to assist the victims.

He said they had given financial assistance to the families of the victims and for medical treatment of those injured during the quake.

Marvin Lapina, a five-month-old baby, was killed after a wall collapsed on him and his mother, Julia.

At least 10 children were injured.

Gov. Sison said some families affected by the earthquake were also asking the provincial government to provide them food and help in repairing their homes.

A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 6.4 hit Eastern Samar at 1:14 a.m. on Monday.

It caused damage to some houses and buildings.

The Philippine Disaster Coordinating Council (PDCC) is now assessing the damage.

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ERC orders Meralco to start 3rd phase of refund in January

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By ...

THE ENERGY Regulatory Commission has ordered Manila Electric Co. to implement the third phase of its refund to customers worth P4.55 billion starting in January.

Phase 3 covers residential and general service customers who consumed more than 300 kilowatt-hours based on their April 2000 bills. Each customer must pay about P27,000.

ERC Chair Manuel Medalla said Meralco was required to complete Phase 2 of the refund next month. "There is no reason why it cannot initiate the third phase [next year]," Medalla said.

He added that the date that the refund was ordered to complete Phase 2 was five months. The refund process had a period that was 10 months shorter and would start four months earlier than Medalla's proposal, he said.

The regulation also disagreed with the utility's proposal to refund Phase 3 customers on...

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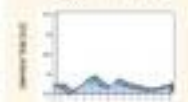


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Share prices rise 1.66%

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JAGUAR

DoF bars LBP from managing Marcos funds

By Denise S. Rodino

FINANCE Germany has bid to
Cataluña has rejected the pro-
posal of the Land Bank of the
Philippines to change the \$202
million in Swiss deposits re-
ceived from the Swiss-Cataluña

Corcoran said the Bureau of Transportation will use a better practice to handle the recovered license deposits as a benefit other transportation such as the maintenance budget of the Association of the Philippines.

The government made its ex-cite some \$10 billion after the Supreme Court declared unconstitutional that the funds deposited in Swiss

Catão said that since the Marcos family are registered in the government rolls, it would automatically reduce the government's income.

parted between this pair.

The funds would be used to fund all the agricultural reform programs.

Cantelero said the balance of the approved litigation would mostly be spread out in succeeding years to avoid a glut in the business.

"We will not recognize the whole manner as it would have the effect of overstating the value of the property in the surrounding area."

ments, there would be less expenditure and less revenue. So we would just match the revenue recognition with actual expenditure on, against reform," Goss says.

LandBank president Margaret Thors, on the other hand, said the bank could manage the loans account since it administers the funding for the Comprehensive Agrarian

The LRP estimated that it would require as much as \$100 million to complete the LAMP.

RP sugar production rises to 10-year high

By Christine A. Caplan

THE COUNTRY'S sugar production has risen to a 10-year high of 2.17 million metric tons as more farmers planted lower-quality cane, according to the Sugar Association's statistics.

EPA Administrator James Leavens said at least 4 percent of the production of about 80,000 metric tons would be

This is one top of the country's export of 115,000 to 140,000 MT to the United States.

Latham said in an interview that production for the current crop year, which runs from Sept. 2007 to Oct. 2008, would also be well below demand requirements of 2.2 million MT.

He, however, stressed that the government might still impose more on his firm.

The Philippines earlier committed to import a third of its soy or minimum access volume (MAV) requirement from Thailand.

Spain to fund solar project

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Populargummi and 80° Solar Europa, the world's biggest solar plant manufacturer, are expected to provide technical assistance for the Moon project.

The table provides product names from various regions of the Southwest, including Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Washington. The products listed include items like 'Arizona', 'California', 'Colorado', 'Idaho', 'Montana', 'Nevada', 'New Mexico', 'Oregon', 'Utah', and 'Washington'.

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Conclusion

Digitel starts \$200-M bond offer on Nov. 24

By Enza C. Santos

THE OVERSIGHTED Digital Telecommunications Philippines Inc. (Digitel), the country's second biggest fixed-line provider, will push through with its \$200-million convertible bond offering to enable the unit to grow.

In a deal under the Philippine Stock Exchange's new, light capital-raising guidelines, Digitel will issue 20 million units of P200 million convertible bonds on Nov. 24 and Nov. 25. It is a new unit in the public affairs space. Digitel, which also is an internet service provider, is the only company in the country to offer both fixed-line and internet services.

The offering, which will involve 20 million units of P200 million convertible bonds, will be the first of its kind in the country's fixed-line market.

Based on the previous application with the SEC, the bonds, offered in Digitel's third round of financing, will have a maturity date of Nov. 24, 2006, with a coupon rate of 12 percent. Before the offering, Digitel had a total debt of P1.1 billion, with a maturity date of Nov. 24, 2006. It will have a face value of P1.1 billion.

The debt, however, will be converted into equity at the option of the company within the 50-year period until its maturity date. The bonds will also have the option to have their bonds converted into common shares at a conversion price of P1 per share.

Digitel is a subsidiary of the Philippine Telecommunications Corp. (PTC), which has a total debt of P1.1 billion. It has a total debt of P1.1 billion.

Renewable energy mission draws funding support

By Rosalyn M. Duran

A BICOM renewable energy trade mission to Europe ended its work in \$1.5 million in funding for potential wind, solar and mini-hydro projects in the country, Energy Secretary Vincent Pineda said.

In a statement, Pineda said that under the Philippine renewable energy policy framework launched in May, the government aimed to double the country's renewable energy-based power generating capacity over the next 10 years.

The government also planned for the country to be the world's leading geothermal energy producer, followed by its leading wind, solar and mini-hydro energy producers, and a regional hub of solar energy investment.

The contribution of renewable energy resources to the energy mix was set to increase by 10 million kilowatts of fuel oil equivalent within the next 10 years, Pineda said.

The official added that he had urged the government of other Southeast Asian countries to set similar targets covering the next 10 years.

He said he would push for this to be part of the Asian Energy Plan of Action, which would be submitted to the Asian Ministers on Energy Meeting to be held in Tokyo next year.

Last month, Pineda said energy firms based in Spain had expressed great interest in investing in wind and solar power projects in the Philippines.

He said he had urged Spanish firms to take part in making the Philippines their hub in Asia investments.

He also mentioned that the country aimed to be the biggest wind power producer in Southeast Asia within 10 years.

The official said the Philippine mission addressed a forum hosted by the Grande Ingénieur de l'Académie de l'Énergie and its partners, one with officials of Indonesia-Spanish leading power consulting and engineering services.

Indonesia is also aiming to make itself a global power giant. It has a total debt of P1.1 billion.

Share prices rise...

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up 15.54 at 544.81, while mining shed 13.00 to 1,879.31. Oil and gas firms by 8.52 at 1,362.00. Banking and financial services ended higher by 4.79 at 422.81.

"Today's rise was more a technical move, than one that had been another rally," said John Nolasco of Unisystem Securities.

Technical data suggest further downside to the 1,280-1,300 level before the market could begin to rally again, he added.

The below-zero budget deficit for 2000, and the first 10 months was also welcomed by investors as an indication of the government's improving fiscal discipline.

The government announced Wednesday that the budget deficit stood at P21.17 billion in October. It was down from P22.33 billion in September, on the back of higher revenue collection.

PLDT ended up P20 at P740. Following the rise of its American Depositary Receipt (ADR) in New York last night, which gained 10 cents to \$13.50.

Stocks of the PSE ended down P10 at P740. "P" shares of the Miguel Corp. were unchanged at P40 while M Pines gained 20 cents to P6.50.

Manila Electric Co. "E" common shares rose up P0.20 at P21.20 while Manila "M" closed up 50 cents to P14.

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Industry group backs duty on imported cement

By Michelle Y. Reyes

THE FEDERATION of Philippine Industries has expressed support to

the local cement industry's plea for the imposition of the 100% protective additional import duty on gray-cement imported cement.

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) could withdraw the definitive safeguard measure, which was imposed to ease the

price due to prevalent abuse of the protection as instituted by the higher price of local cement.

In a position paper submitted

to the Department of Trade and Industry, FPI and the indigenous cement producers would protest local cement manufacturers, which claimed to be hit hardest by lower-priced imports, from the closure of six import sources brought by various exporters to China, Thailand and Indonesia.

"There is demand for the most sought-after cement imported by these additional countries in the region. In fact, according to the Philippine Cement Manufacturers Association, the Philippines is relatively more vulnerable to import surges," it added.

FPI also said the perception of abuse of the indigenous cement sector has been, as prices went up due to various factors, including rising cost of electricity and fuel, as well as depreciation of the peso.

The group added that cement prices were down immediately after the imposition of the safeguard measure, but went up recently due to the effects of the increasing rates of imports.

"It should be remembered that the indigenous cement was granted to protect serious injury to the local cement industry due to the substantial influx of imports

of cement, and not to keep prices low even in the face of increasing cost of electricity imports."

After the granting of the safeguard measure, Trade Secretary Manuel Roxas II said that prices of cement nationwide came down from P410 to P140 per 40-kilogram bag, but last year's average of P160. He added that the price increase was questionable, considering that previously there existed a demand due to the rising cement and the lower government consumption projects due to the huge budget deficit.

The DTI also raised the concern of citizen groups on possible plant closures due to the inability of a local industry to compete against imports without protection from the government.

Citing the results of a recent survey, FPI said a "considerable" number of 45,000 factory employees and their relatives lost their jobs during the period 1990 to 2000 due to the government's tariff reductions and subsequent trade liberalization despite the lack of programs to strengthen local industries.



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2000, and the bill may allow us to keep rates where they are now," the BSP chief said on his

"Despite rates being stable, we are policy-makers," Monetary Board has not indicated its policy rates to spur growth in a slowing economy when the inflation rate had recently subsided and was below the BSP's target of 4.5-5.5 percent this year and 4-5 percent in 2004.

In a reinforcement of inflation targeting that the BSP had adopted during 2002, monetary policies must be pursued with the inflation target in the mind, said Monetary Board. Inflation has averaged at about 1 percent this year, but economic growth was low

last August in the second quarter. Although authorities were expecting slower growth, the low end of the 4.5-5.5 percent growth is good domestic product during the month.

Monetary Board has not set the interest rate's overnight rate because there remained inflationary pressure in the system to find the desired level of growth.

A 10-year paper rate in overnight rate last July 2 was the only time the BSP had set its rates this year after tightening policies in March when it raised the reserve requirement on banks by one percentage point and scrapped a floating scheme that paid a discount rate on bank deposits with the BSP.

Gov't debt load swells to P3.2T

By Carlos S. Bacala

THE CUMULATIVE debt of the national government swelled by 17.52 percent or by almost billion to P3.2 trillion as of September from P2.71 trillion a year ago, largely because of borrowings of the three-year administration to pay maturing obligations.

Department of Finance documents showed that on a month-on-month basis, however, the level of debt rose marginally from P3.15 trillion in August.

As of July, the government had already exceeded its debt ceiling target of P3.06 trillion.

Obligations of the national government accounted for about 50 percent of the Philippines' total debt stock of P5.36 trillion as of mid-2002. The total liabilities as of September were excluded P695.06 billion in contingent liabilities.

The level of contingent debt had increased substantially during this year, indicating a burgeoning amount of sovereign guarantees that the government had given to state agencies as well as the private sector.

These obligations could become actual liabilities if the borrowing agencies fail to pay their debts.

During the nine-month period, debts that mostly carried sovereign guarantees rose 28.7 percent from P944.16 billion a year ago.

Domestic borrowings grew by P441 billion or 17.35 percent to P2,657 million in September from P1,617 billion a year ago but was almost unchanged from the previous month.

As of September, the foreign debt component also increased by P305 billion or 25.7 percent to P1,947 billion (\$640.6 billion) from P1.3 billion a year ago. Month-on-month, external borrowings of the national government went up by

P138 billion or 6.21 percent.

A similar pace in September is an average of 54.29 for a dollar compared to 52.45 a year ago even below the level of external obligations.

Below the P1.3 billion level of debt to population, each of the 82 million Filipinos accounts for a burden of P56,975 outside of any potential obligations.

Finance Secretary Juan Pablo Alcasid said the consolidated outstanding debt would likely end at about P5 billion over the next five to seven years before the government could start bringing it down a more manageable level.

GMA backs 100-MW Iloilo power plant project

By D.C. Calasagangip

INCIDENTAL Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said that groups opposing the construction of a 100-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Iloilo would be partly accountable for the looming power shortage and rate increase in the region.

The President said in an interview with CNN that the only solution to the projected energy crisis was the construction of more power plants particularly in

the Visayas region where most of the island provinces have no indigenous power sources.

"Most of the region's power supply comes from Cebu and is sent a lot to ferry them through transmission lines which is why power rates in the Visayas are expensive," she President said.

The Department of Energy has selected the South Borneo power house 100MW coal-fired power plant to address the looming power crisis on Mindanao, which includes Agaña, Maricao, Cagayan, Butuan and Comotan. Other power suppliers such as Marikina, Power One and Abatit are also set to build their power plants in the region's zone.

The Agago project, however, has been vigorously opposed by residents of Iloilo who have expressed concern over the ill effects of the coal-fired plant on the health of children and pregnant women, despite assurances from the government and the private proponents that the Circulating Fluidized Bed Combustion

(CFBC) technology used by the plant would ensure the safe use of coal.

After four building cases filed, the President also pushed for the privatisation of National Power Corporation's transmission facilities as part of her government's strategy to pull down electricity rates for the masses.

The said low government's effort to reduce power costs in the country has been successful with the Philippines' electricity rate now the sixth highest in Asia, down from second place previously.

Banks to outsource some functions in '04

By Eliza R. Tarjjan

Banks are looking at outsourcing part of their back-end operations to reduce cost and improve efficiency.

Bankers Association of the Philippines executive officer Lourdes Gamal said that if done right, the outsourcing of certain operations could lead to a significant improvement in the bank's customer service.

Gamal said the BAP, which is composed of the country's commercial banks, would study what operations the banks could outsource to a third party so that the banks could concentrate on their core business.

Gamal said some of the banking operations that could be easily outsourced include administrative functions in check processing.

The Philippines has emerged as a major hub for business process outsourcing.

A number of large companies such as Citibank and PwC and Accent have set up offices in the country to take care of the companies' regional or global operations in such areas as customer service, accounting, human resources and procurement.

Outsourcing would be among the BAP's priorities for next year, Gamal said.

Other major projects for 2004 would be the operation of the country's first fixed-income exchange, creation of a private information credit bureau and the establishment of a cash vault.

BAP officials said that trading on the fixed-income exchange should start by the second quarter of next year, giving the public a new investment outlet.

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